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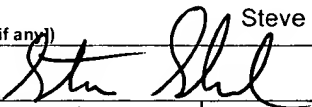
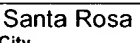
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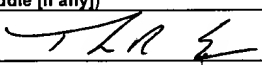
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**REQUEST TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request correction of inventorship in the above-captioned patent application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 116 and 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a). The application currently identifies the inventors as Steve Sheppard and A.J. McInnis. The application inadvertently and incorrectly failed to identify Thomas Eames and Charles Eldering as inventors also.

Applicants respectfully request correction of inventorship to add Thomas Eames and Charles Eldering as inventors, in addition to Steve Sheppard and A.J. McInnis. Messrs. Eames and Eldering were inadvertently omitted in the original filings for this application. Their omission as inventors arose without any deceptive intent by any party.

Messrs. Sheppard, McInnis, Eames, and Eldering have assigned their entire right, title, and interest in and to the invention described and claimed in the above-captioned application to Next Level Communication, Inc. Next Level Communications, Inc., consents to the addition of Messrs. Eames and Eldering as inventors and has authorized me to grant such consent on its behalf.

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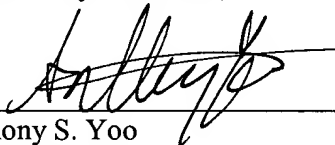
If the undersigned attorney can be of any assistance in advancing prosecution, please call him at (202) 662-6000.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740, under Docket No. 025684.113-US. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(2)

Sir:

I, Charles Eldering, state that the error in inventorship that resulted in my omission from identification as an inventor in the above-captioned patent application occurred without any without any deceptive intent on my part. I respectfully ask that inventorship in the application be corrected to include me as an inventor.

All statements made herein are of my own knowledge and true. I understand that that these statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18, United States Code, and that willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this patent.

Dated: May 19, 2003

By Charles Eldering  
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Dated: May 12, 2003

By   
Thomas Eames